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10.	JINDAL V.NAGA ST.LTD. (Bellary, Karnataka)	COREX-BOF HRC	15.70 HSM:Commissioned	4138.00 Corex-1: Mar, 98 Corex-2: Sep, 98. Pellet:Dec, 98.	Under Impln. (Aug,97) SMS:Jun, 98
11.	SOUTHERN I & S CO. LTD. (Salem,Tamil Nadu)	BF-EOF B & R,WR (BF & SP Commissioned in July, 96/Aug, 97, producing pig iron)	3.00 (SMS Cap:2.2 LTPA)	700.00	Under Impln. SMS:Mar,98 HRM:Sep,98
12.	SJK STEEL CORP. LTD. (Anantpur,AP)	BF-BOF BAR/WR	4.00 (SMS Cap:2.88 LTPA)	636.00	Under Impln. Apr. 98
13.	KUMAR MET. CORP. LTD. (Nalgonda, AP)	EAF WR	1.25	146.00	Under Impln. March, 98
14.	ISPAT INDUSTRIES LTD. (Raigad, Maharashtra)	EAF HRC (Cold trails of Hot Strip Mill reportedly started)	30.00	4792.00	Under Impln. Ph-I: Dec, 97 Ph-II: Jul, 98
15.	BELLARY S & A LTD. (Bellary, Karnataka)	BF-BOF LP	4.10	891.00	Under Impln. Oct,1998.
16.	USHA ISPAT LIMITED (Satarda,Maharashtra)	BF-BOF LP	6.00	1425.00	Under Impln. May, 99
17.	NEELACHAL ISPAT N. LTD (Daitari,Orissa)	BF-BOF Billets/WR (+4.9 l tpa pig iron)	6.20	1510.00	Under Impln. PI: Oct, 1998 Steel: Oct, 1999
Total			116.35	22392.42	

Introduction of Freight Services

429. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is evaluating two proposals from the private sector for introducing specialised freight services through road railers and piggy back system;

(b) if so, the impact of these proposals in tapping new avenues for freight traffic now going by road; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These services are expected to divert high rated general goods traffic from road to rail besides generating additional traffic.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with M/s Kirloskar Pneumatic Co. Ltd.(KPCL), Pune for the introduction of Road Railers. An MOU for introduction of Piggy Back System is to be signed with M/s Sanghi Filaments Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad.

Budgetary Allocation for Social Sector Programmes

430. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to cut its budgetary allocation for various social sector programmes of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government had earlier proposed to double the outlay for rural development in the Ninth Plan; and

(d) if so, the efforts being made to ensure that the programmes aimed at employment and income generation for people below the poverty are not hit by the curtailment of funds?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The budget has come under sever stress on account of a nuumber of post budget development including Government's decision on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commissions. It, therefore, became imperative to undertake a review of

the budgetary situation and take steps to ensure adherence to the fiscal deficit target. Accordingly, it was decided to achieve at least 5 per cent savings in the budgetary support for Central Plan 1997-98. Details of the proposed 5 per cent cut in the plan budget allocation of this Ministry are given in the Statement attached.

(c) and (d) No final decision has yet been taken about the proposed 9th plan outlay. However, this Ministry is keen to ensure that the outlay is doubled in the 9th Plan.

Statement

(Rs. in crore)			
Name of the Department	Budgetary Allocation	Cut Proposed	Revised Allocation
1. Rural Development	2195.00	109.75	2085.25
2. Rural Employment and Poverty Alleviation	6805.70	340.29	6465.41
3. Wastelands Development	95.00	4.75	91.25
Total	9095.70	454.79	8640.91

Unmanned Level Crossing

431. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unammged level crossings in the Railways zone-wise and state-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to man these level crossings; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction in 1997-98?

THE MINISTER RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) 24350 Nos.

Zone-wise :

Railways	Number of Level Crossings
Central	1681
Eastern	984
Northern	4406
North Eastern	3260
Northeast Frontier	1673
Southern	2560
South Central	2023
South Eastern	3632
Western	4131
Total	24350

State-Wise :

State	Number of Level Crossings
Assam	1045
Andhra Pradesh	1555
Bihar	2022
Delhi	5
Gujarat	2930
Haryana	521
Himachal Pradesh	290
Jammu & Kashmir	36
Karnataka	1067
Kerala	227
Madhya Pradesh	1783
Maharashtra	1538
Manipur	1
Mizoram	1
Orissa	1136
Punjab	1053
Rajasthan	2227
Tamil Nadu	1566
Tripura	36
Uttar Pradesh	3709
West Bengal	1587
Chandigarh	2
Pondicherry	9
Goa	3
Nagaland	1
Total	24350

(b) and (c) The sensitive unmanned level crossings will be on a planned basis, after due prioritisation, converted into manned level crossings with the help of the State Govts. Who have to invest the initial capital cost.

While the manning of unmanned level crossings is taken up at the request of State Govts. at their cost, the Railways have decided to man 68 vulnerable level crossings at their own cost in 1997-98, due to safety considerations.